

# **Downtown and North Casper Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) Plumes Orphan Site Residential Air Testing Procedures February 2010**

The following guidelines have been prepared by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to provide you (the homeowner) with a general understanding of the activities and general timeframes that occur during and after indoor air sampling of your home

- The first step in the process is to agree to indoor air sampling by filling out and sending the DEQ self-addressed/stamped postcard that was mailed to you early February 2010 with a letter, site update, and sample of the easement.
- Once DEQ receives the postcard, we will: 1) draft an easement for your property; 2) have the document approved and signed by the Attorney General's Office; and 3) set up a time with you to deliver the easement and have you sign the document in front of a notary. During the visit, the representative from DEQ will schedule an appointment with you for indoor air sampling.
- The indoor air sampling event will begin with an interview by a representative from DEQ and/or DEQ's contractor. A building walk-through will be conducted at this time and questions will be asked regarding chlorinated solvent use/storage in the building. In addition, a detailed inventory of chlorinated solvent use/storage will be conducted for the areas near sampling locations.
- If possible, any chlorinated solvents used/stored in the building will be temporarily removed. Dry cleaning should not be brought into the home for at least two weeks prior to indoor air testing.
- A representative from DEQ and/or DEQ's contractor will place a small stainless steel air sampling canister in the lowest occupied area of the home. Twenty-four hours later, a representative from DEQ and/or DEQ's contractor will retrieve the canister.
- In addition to sampling with the air canister, we would like to conduct sub-slab sampling (this was not mentioned in the letter you received). If you approve, a small one inch diameter hole will be drilled through the slab of the basement, or lowest floor of the building, in order to allow the collection of a "sub-slab gas" sample into a sampling canister (similar to the indoor air canister). This sample is used to evaluate the concentration of vapors directly beneath the building.
- At the end of the week, canisters will be sent to a laboratory for analysis.
- DEQ will mail the test results to you approximately 4 weeks after the test.
- If the result of the test is below the state action level, no ventilation is necessary; however, periodic (e.g., annual) follow-up testing may need to be conducted. A representative from DEQ or DEQ's contractor will contact you to schedule the periodic tests.
- If the result of the test equals or is above the state action level for PCE in residential settings (8.1 micrograms per cubic meter,  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), a DEQ representative will also call you with test results. If you elect to receive a ventilation system, a representative from DEQ and/or DEQ's contractor will call you to set up an appointment to perform diagnostic testing required for design of a ventilation system.

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